RESPONSE

The Office has entered a sequence listing requirement in the above-referenced application. Applicants enclose a sequence listing diskette, paper copies of the sequence listing and the required statements.

Amendments to the specification are also being made in regard to the sequence identifiers. The amendments are made solely to conform the specification to the enclosed sequence listing and are fully supported by the original application do not constitute new matter. The amendments to the specification comply with the revisions to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, and separate exhibits are no longer necessary.

This is a complete response to the referenced Notice. The present application is in compliance with the sequence listings requirements. The response is timely filed in light of the enclosed Request for Extension of Time and appropriate fee. No additional fees are required. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary, Applicants respectfully request a telephone call to the undersigned representative to discuss deduction from Applicants' representatives' Deposit Account No. 50-0786/4050.001100.

Should the Office have any questions, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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